

Environmentalist (2008) 28:1  
DOI 10.1007/s10669-007-9035-6

---

## Preface

Alan Knowles · Frank Dirkse · Karel de Raat

Published online: 11 July 2007  
© Springer Science+Business Media, LLC 2007

In the early years of a new millennium, this journal presents the cutting edge of developments of new pesticide formulation and application technologies by the agrochemical industry. All the authors of individual papers are well known internationally in their areas of expertise, and they address the ways in which these technologies contribute to the prevention or reduction of potentially harmful effects of plant protection products on humans and on the environment generally. The industry view from pesticide registration and government perspectives is also discussed.

This special issue contains papers presented during a symposium organized in 2001 in the Netherlands by the

former OpdenKamp Registration & Notification, known since 2003 as ENVIRON Netherlands B.V., part of ENVIRON International Corporation. A recent review of the papers made it clear that their publication is still desired. After some adaptation, the papers still present the state-of-the-art of pesticide formulation and application technology, and demonstrate how these technologies contribute to the prevention or reduction of potentially harmful effects of plant protection products on humans and on the environment generally.

---

A. Knowles  
FORM-AK Ltd, Tonbridge, UK

F. Dirkse  
Modify BV, Castricum, The Netherlands

K. de Raat (✉)  
ENVIRON Netherlands BV, Zeist, The Netherlands  
e-mail: [kderaat@environcorp.nl](mailto:kderaat@environcorp.nl)